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5. Currently Amended) ~~The trap as described in claim 4, wherein the trap door slot comprises~~ A trap comprising:

a trap body,

the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front member and a back member, a side member joining the members;

the front member comprising a top, a notch, the notch being at the front member top, the front member further comprising an opening therethrough, the opening being closed by a trap door;

the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture being positioned towards the back member;

the trap door including an elongated slot therethrough, the slot comprising arcuate ends[[.]], the trap door being slidably retained between the front member and the body by a spacer;

a bait holder

the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top member and extending within the body; and

a trip mechanism, including a means for supporting the trap door, the trip mechanism in communication with the bait holder.

6. (Original) The trap as described in claim 5, wherein the

arcuate ends are of different sizes.

7. (Original) The trap as described in claim 6, wherein the trip mechanism further comprises a rod.

8. (Original) The trap as described in claim 7, wherein the trip mechanism further includes a prop attached to the rod, the prop being sized to fit within the notch.

9. (Original) The trap as described in claim 8, wherein the trip mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

10. (Original) The trap as described in claim 9, wherein the bait holder further comprises a pair of support brackets, the support brackets attached to the top member on opposite sides of the second aperture, and the bait holder further comprises a boss, the boss being pivotably retained between the support brackets by a pivot pin received therethrough.

11. (Original) The trap as described in claim 10, wherein the bait holder further comprises a back member, a trip mechanism receiving means positioned on the back member and near the boss, and a second pivot pin, the trip mechanism receiving means further comprising a pair of walls, each wall having an opening therethrough, the trip mechanism receiving means receiving an end of the trip mechanism, and the second pivot pin pivotably retaining the trip mechanism between the walls.

12. (Original) The trap as described in claim 11, wherein the bait holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

13. (Original) The trap as described in claim 12, wherein the bait chamber front member further comprises an opening therethrough.

14. (Original) The trap as described in claim 13, wherein the trap further comprises a means for retaining the trip means, and wherein the means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached to the trap body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap door.

15. (Original) The trap as described in claim 14, wherein the front member further comprises a second notch, the second notch being contiguous with the opening.

16. (Original) The trap as described in claim 15, wherein the trap door further comprises a lift knob.

17. (Original) The trap as described in claim 16, wherein the trip mechanism is received through the elongated slot.

18. (Original) The trap as described in claim 17, wherein the trap is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the group consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire and mesh and combinations thereof.

19. (Previously Presented) A trap comprising:

a trap body,

the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front member and a back member, a side member joining the members;

the front member comprising a top, a notch, the notch being at the front member top, the front member further comprising an opening therethrough, the opening being closed by a trap door;

the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture being positioned towards the back member;

the trap door being slidably retained between the front member and the body by a spacer, the trap door further including an

elongated slot therethrough;

a bait holder comprising:

a pair of support brackets, the support brackets attached to the top member on opposite sides of the second aperture;

a boss, the boss being pivotably retained between the support brackets by a pivot pin received therethrough;

a back member including a trip mechanism receiving means near the boss, and a second pivot pin, the trip mechanism receiving means further comprising a pair of walls, each wall having an opening therethrough;

the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top member and extending within the body; and

a trip mechanism, comprising a rod having a first end received in the trip mechanism receiving means, the second pivot pin pivotably retaining the trip mechanism between the walls; the trip mechanism further comprising a prop, the prop attached to the rod, the prop being sized to fit within the notch and thereby supporting the trap door, and the rod second end being received through the elongated slot.

20. (Currently Amended) The trap as described in claim 19, wherein the front member further comprises a support, the support positioned between the trap door and the body[[;]].

21. (Currently Amended) The trap as described in claim 20, wherein the wall further comprises a slot, the slot proximate the front member, the slot being sized to receive and receiving the support therein[[;]].

22. (Original) The trap as described in claim 21, wherein the trap door further comprises a lift knob.

23. (Original) The trap as described in claim 22, further comprising a means for retaining the trip means, and wherein the means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached to the trap body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap door.

24. (Original) The trap as described in claim 23, wherein the bait holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

25. (Original) The trap as described in claim 24, wherein the trip mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

26. (Original) The trap as described in claim 25, wherein the lift knob is sized to be slidably received, and can be slidably received, in the second notch.

27. (Original) The trap as described in claim 26, wherein the trap is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the group consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire and mesh and combinations thereof.

28. (Previously Presented) A trap comprising:

a trap body,

the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front member and a back member, a side member joining the members;

the front member comprising:

-a top and a notch, the notch being at the front member top,

-the front member further comprising an opening therethrough, the opening being closed by a trap door; and

-a second notch, the second notch being contiguous with the opening;

the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the

first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture being positioned towards the back member;

the trap door being slidably retained between the front member and the body by a spacer, the trap door further including an elongated slot therethrough, and a lift knob;

the front member further comprising a support, the support positioned between the trap door and the body;

the wall further comprising a slot, the slot proximate the front member, the slot being sized to receive and receiving the support therein;

a bait holder comprising:

a pair of support brackets, the support brackets attached to the top member on opposite sides of the second aperture;

a boss, the boss being pivotably retained between the support brackets by a pivot pin received therethrough;

a back member including a trip mechanism receiving means near the boss, and a second pivot pin, the trip mechanism receiving means further comprising a pair of walls, each wall having an opening therethrough;

the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top member and extending within the body; and

a trip mechanism, comprising a rod having a first end received in the trip mechanism receiving means, the second pivot pin pivotably retaining the trip mechanism between the walls;
the trip mechanism further comprising a prop, the prop attached to the rod, the prop being sized to fit within the notch and thereby supporting the trap door, and the rod second end being received through the elongated slot.

29. (Original) The trap as described in claim 28, wherein the trap further comprises a means for retaining the trip means, and wherein the means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached to the trap body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap door.

30. (Original) The trap as described in claim 29, wherein the bait holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

31. (Original) The trap as described in claim 28, wherein the trip mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

32. (Original) The trap as described in claim 31, wherein the lift knob is sized to be slidably received, and can be slidably received, in the second notch.

33. (Original) The trap as described in claim 32, wherein the trap is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the group consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire and mesh and combinations thereof.